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GROUP 3500

In re Application of:)
Steve A. Sallstrom et al.)
Serial No. 08/192,022)
Filed February 3, 1994) Group Art Unit 3506
For ALL WHEEL HYDRAULIC) Examiner T. Melius
DRIVE SYSTEM)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

The Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to an Office Action on the merits, please amend
the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 1-8 and 17-19 without prejudice as being
directed to non-elected inventions. Note that the
dependencies of claims 18 and 19 in the original application
were in error and these claims should have dependent on
claim 17. Accordingly, these claims are being canceled as
belonging to the claims of Group I.

Add the following new claims 20 - 28:

20 20. A hydraulically driven riding mower having all
wheel drive, which comprises: